

The Pea Pickin' life of Tennessee Ernie

Every week in thousands of homes in 28 Canadian cities, TV viewers chuckle at the sayings of Tennessee Ernie Ford. Many of these stories are about simple everyday happenings and simple, everyday people.

Close to the people who laugh the hardest at these stories is often the subject himself, Ernie. He is Betty's wife of 17 years. Betty Ford, many say, is the best thing that ever happened to Ernie. When not in Hollywood, they live the way they always lived—on a 560-acre dream ranch 100 miles north of San Francisco where they're raising two sons. Buck and Brian and a herd of Hereford cattle. To them, this is an ideal existence far from the glare of Hollywood. But it wasn't always like that.

Betty first met Ernie Jennings Ford when she was working as a civilian secretary (and the only woman) at the Victory Army Air Base after her home in San Bernardino, Calif. Ernie was a singer from Tennessee. Occasionally Betty saw Chad Ford at the post exchange. She knew his last name. In fact she knew the names of all 40 counts because, as she says, it was part of her job to mark each tally against the name of each cadet. As a carryover of this habit, even today Betty refers to her husband as "Red."

Finally got together

Ernie also noticed Betty, and Betty got up enough nerve to ask her for a date. However, he had to postpone it after committing a minor infraction of Air Force rules. This happened three years before they finally got together one Saturday and drove to the beach in Betty's car.

Dog causes 40 collisions on freeway

A dog darted onto a crowded Los Angeles freeway with these results.

Party vehicles smashed together in a chain-reaction accident which stretched three miles.

Eleven persons were treated for minor injuries.

Damages to automobiles—mostly from front-to-rear smash-ups caused by sudden stops—totalled more than \$10,000. Fifteen cars had to be towed away.

The dog was killed. It started him by trying to cross the Santa Ana Freeway, a stretch of Los Angeles during the peak of holiday traffic. It took an hour to get the freeway cleared.

GOING UP IN THE WORLD

The shorter housewife who finds that she cannot reach upper shelves, often cooks dinner by standing on a box on a chair or something equally make-shift. A kitchen step ladder should be part of the equipment of every home. To provide a safe strong foundation on which to stand to prevent falls.

with Betty's niece along for company. By the end of the date, Ernie discovered that not only was Betty a very outgoing young lady but she couldn't even cook corn-on-the-cob! But he didn't give up. Soon he was invited regularly to her home and Betty began to fall for the cute cadet with the southern accent.

They were married in the Methodist Church of San Bernardino on September 23, 1942. For a few months, with not a nickel to their names, they lived with their in-laws with Ernie travelling back and forth to the city, other than they moved to a small ranch house which had no electricity. Betty continued to postpone the culinary arts on her husband and friends with little success.

"That first year wasn't easy," says Betty, "but as Ford says 'newlyweds must learn to get on'."

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have together? "I was pretty mean in those days too. I had a terrible temper and if he didn't get home when I thought he should I'd do all sorts of crazy things. But nothing scared Ernie. Why, it used to take him 20 minutes just to get his shoes on in the morning. Today he's different and shaves, showers and dresses in just about the same time."

"I guess I was playing the role of mother towards Ernie the way I used to worry about him. We didn't have any children then — in fact we had to wait seven long years—till after Buck was born. I didn't have time to tell and worry. Now I tell Ernie not to

give me a definite time when he expects to be home."

After his duty at Victoryville, Bombardier Ford was transferred to a new air base at Orleans, New Mexico. He and Betty lived there for a year and a half, part of the time in a converted houseboat which had been used previously as a hotel during the war. After that, Betty and Ernie moved into their first real home which they kept filled with bachelor newsmen on weekends. About this time, Ernie took Betty home to meet the kids in British Columbia.

Towards the end of the war, Ford requested a transfer to try

B-29s. He trained for three months near Las Vegas and was transferred to Naha and later to Florida, the last stop before overseas. Before joining her husband in Florida, Betty returned to visit her family in California. It would be the last trip before Ernie would be sent to the Pacific. The day after she left California the war ended and she and Ernie had a joyful reunion in Florida.

After a brief stay with the 49th Bomb Squadron in the Atlantic, Captain Ernest J. Ford was honorably discharged. What to do next? Ernie had no definite job to

go back to and he felt that supporting a wife ruled out the possibility of continuing his education. Television was still in its infancy so he decided to try his hand at radio announcing. In the next few years Ernie and Betty were working for various radio stations, with little success. Then, in 1947, Cliff Stone, a veteran of country music broadcasting asked him to appear on his weekly Stone Town Jambovie program in Jacksonville. Ernie's records as a member of Stone's troupe led to guest appearances in radio, in nightclubs and then TV. Then came his Ernie Ford for 17 years, at it any wonder?

Ernie's weekly TV shows. Today Ernie and Betty Ford have what they had always wanted. Two sons and their own ranch. Betty, though outspoken at times, is still the shy, introverted small-town girl. But anyone who meets her and gets to know her not as wife of Tennessee Ernie Ford, the celebrity, but as Mrs. Ernie Ford, can't help but like her. She has a sharp, constant and slightly dramatic sense of humor. If she's among friends, she doesn't just tell a story—she translates it. And after living with Tennessee Ernie Ford for 17 years, at it any wonder?

Water, Saskatchewan's New Wealth



The detonation of a half-ton of dynamite shattered the quiet of the Saskatchewan prairies on May 27, 1959 and boomed the news that Canada had embarked on her greatest irrigation project. Construction of the huge South Saskatchewan dam compares in magnitude to the just-completed St. Lawrence Seaway and its effect upon Canada's economy

promises to assume gigantic proportions. The plan call for the building of an earth dam 8,500 feet long and 205 feet high to create a lake in the prairies 140 miles long. This reservoir will regulate nearly a half million acres of land and provide the source for the generation of 475 million kw/h for domestic, farm and industrial use.

National Film Board of Canada Photos by Chris Land

New fish hook book

Do you want to know more about cooking fish? Here is a dollar for the new Canadian Fish Cook Book, published by the Department of Fisheries and Game. Here is a fascinating collection of suggestions for the preparation of every sort of Canadian fish and shell food, how to buy, how to store, how to prepare, cook and serve.

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The first place to feel the impact of this huge venture has been the town of Outlook, near the dam site. This typical scene shows architect E. J. McCudden studying plans of a new telephone exchange. Housing projects and shopping facilities are being completed at a fast pace.

Earth fillers will move an estimated 57 million cubic yards of fill for the dam. Nearly a million cubic yards of concrete will be used and to prevent seepage a 1,200 foot blanket, varying in thickness from 10 to 34 feet, will be constructed on the river bed.



Creating this large reservoir might, in years to come, change the farming system of the area. Importing fresh fruit and vegetables may not be necessary as market gardening will be practicable in well-irrigated, smaller lots. A new era will thus begin for Canada's wheat province.



Once the dam has been filled with water it is expected to create a vast vacation and tourist land. Two experienced hunters who agree that the construction of such dams in the U.S.A. has increased every type of game, are on their way to a Hungarian Partridge hunt.



To carry out the irrigation project 500 miles of main canals and laterals and 12 pumping stations will be built. It is expected that the reservoir will take from two to three years to fill in order to avoid disrupting the important flow of water to cities downstream. Plans call for a roadway on the 60 foot wide crest and provisions have been made for a railway to cross the dam. The reservoir will impound 8,400,000 acre-feet of water, of which 2,650,000 acre-feet will be in storage for irrigation purposes.

Motorists cautioned to stop for school buses

During recent months the Highway Traffic Board has received a number of complaints regarding motorists who fail to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children. Fortunately, mistakes have resulted from the board's warning regulations.

Saskatchewan motorists are reminded that a section of The Vehicles Act requires drivers on any public highway to bring their vehicles to a halt, when approaching from either front or rear a school bus which is stopped for taking on or discharging school children.

The regulation requires that a driver stop at the indicated distance from the stationary school bus. He should not proceed until the board signalling device is retracted or its red light goes off, and then move on only with caution. Failure to comply with the regulation constitutes a serious danger to school children as well as to the driver, and the Highway Traffic Board.

In conclusion, the Highway Traffic Board urges drivers to exercise particular caution during the next months when school children are loading and unloading, and to exercise caution and care in travelling school children.



MORE HUMANE.—Elmer Andersen, trapper, Norway, shows Harold Reid, Fur Administrator, a large Douglas fir, the most humane type of snare.

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Conservation a "way of life" for Saskatchewan trapper

To Elmer Andersen, 57-year-old trapper-farmer of the Norway district of east-central Saskatchewan, wildlife conservation is a way of life.

"Without conservation, there would be no life," states Elmer strongly.

His convictions are based on experience. As a long-time resident of the area, he remembers watching with growing alarm, the almost total disappearance of fur and game from his district, because of poachers and indiscriminate trappers, and their gradual return, when conservation practices were adopted.

Domesticating wildlife populations in the Norway district during the mid-fifties, brought realization to Elmer and other local residents, of some need for action, to restore fur and game.

Great numbers of animals used long trappers were caused the fast-decreasing numbers of beaver and deer.

"Something had to be done, and we had to be the ones to do it," Elmer relates. "Conservation was the only answer."

In 1948, beaver, live-trapped in the southern part of the district, were planted in the Norway district by the Saskatchewan Government, in an effort to restore populations. These animals were the nucleus of present abundant beaver populations in the area.

To Elmer Andersen, the beaver is the key to conservation. Not only does it yield revenue from its valuable pelts, but provides habitat for other wildlife.

"The whole country has changed since the beaver came," says Elmer. "After the beaver arrived, even the muskrat appeared, then the mink, waterfowl, moose and deer."

He points to the slopes and banks along the Beaver River, now fed from beaver reservoirs as well as by rain and snow melt. "If the beaver, there wouldn't be all this feed for other wildlife."

In Elmer's opinion, the introduction of beaver into the Norway

district has played an important role in the success of Arctic greylag and speckled trout stocking programs carried out by the provincial fisheries branch during the past few years. He states: "Were it not for beaver, these birds being back the water, there would be no food for fish. One was a few years, and soon River and Jewfish Creek will be among the best trout streams in the province."

He reports Arctic greylag, 15% below its length caught year in the headwaters of the Swan River.

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trapper on his moose. The successful trapping season which began in the autumn of the year spent with the Combar trap. Using six large and four small Combars, on night's catch included five beaver, two mink and one muskrat. The largest beaver caught by the Andersen this year weighed 45 pounds. The pelts of this record-sized specimen measured 40 inches in length and 10 inches in width.

"Later, we were to try to trap with a Combar," says Elmer.

While the Andersen recommended trapping as a profitable occupation, they say it is not a vacation for him.

"Trapping is not easy," says Elmer. "You must have patience. You must know your area and you must be willing to work very hard. Don't get the idea that all you need are a few traps and a line, to make a fortune."

Despite thousands of years of experience in the woods, the waxes of wildlife never cease to amaze, delight and mystify him. "To them, it is sheer enjoyment," he says. "It is a way of life. It is a way of life."

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New tower used by three departments

A two-foot tower with appropriate scientific instruments has been installed by the Occupational Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare at the agricultural station in the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

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(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

Teach by example

(By Stan McKinnon, Editor, Dominion (R.C.) Surrey Leader)

From one end of this district to the other, the result is the same wherever you query community workers. They are all saying the same thing: "Teach by example."

Not many long for the old days, but they are getting pretty fed up with the old ways. They are getting pretty fed up with the old ways.

This applies most noticeably to recreation and youth clubs. Coaches, managers, instructors and club officials are willing to give hours of their own leisure time, each week, to this type of work. We are fortunate to have volunteers of people who do provide a tremendous amount of volunteer work for young people of our communities.

But they're being "body sitters."

There is small encouragement if parents of the boys and girls do not show, by their presence at meetings, that they appreciate their youngsters. Perhaps they just haven't got time to do so.

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The greatest majority of parents, however, are truly interested in their youngsters. Perhaps they just haven't got time to do so.

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SIX-FOOT SANDWICH BUILT IN NEW YORK

Two men, James and William, are offering something different: a 32-pound sandwich stuffed with meat, cheese, and vegetables.

The King-sized, multi-layered sandwich cost \$2.50. It was made by a chef at the hotel, and is served on a board.

DRIVE AND WALK SAFELY

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He feels conservation education should be a part of every child's upbringing, and should be a part of every child's upbringing.

It is the duty of every parent to teach his children a sense of responsibility for their own and their family's welfare.

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The others responsible

(Drinking Science Monitor)

Is a drunken or driving driver solely responsible for the injury (or death) he causes to persons or the damage he may cause to property? Or may others be held responsible for contributing to his negligence, crime and/or civil? Specifically, can one who knowingly helps to make a lousy man drunk be held responsible for what that man may do in his befuddlement?

There have been laws which say yes. And now there is evidence that courts are beginning to compare these laws meaningfully. Connecticut's "drunk shot" act, passed in 1957, was upheld by that state's supreme court in 1957 in the case of a car crash. The law was upheld because the defendant had continued to drink, and the car was visibly drunk, the driver of the car which struck them.

Now New Jersey joins the ranks of states which hold that others are also responsible in drinking-driver accidents. That state also has a law forbidding sale of liquor to persons "visibly intoxicated." And it appears that New Jersey will be the first to hold that the taverners by the widow of a man killed by a car the driver of which was visibly drunk by a physician.

Of course, these decisions leave the tavern keeper free to prove, if he can, that the intoxication of the car driver was not the result of his negligence. But the Supreme Court's very proper observation that its decision should "bring a fair measure of justice to innocent third parties."

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—Sask. Gov't photo.

CONTRAP TRAP.—Elmer Andersen, Norway, shows how a large contrap trap is placed in position in a beaver run.

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Expensive pets

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